

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An incinerator for burning combustible material comprising:
 - a burn container for holding combustible materials,
 - a lid covering said burn container such that said burn container is closed except for an exhaust and a controlled air plenum,
 - a blower motor controlling a flow of air into said first container through said first burn container through said air plenum,
 - a removable pre-fill chamber mounted adjacent a first opening in said lid covering said burn container,
 - a plunger mounted platen adapted to move through said chamber toward a trap door, said trap door opening in said pre-fill chamber such that said pre-filled chamber is open to said burn container when said pre-fill chamber is mounted on said incinerator such that combustible material can pass from said pre-fill chamber through said trap door openings into the upper portion of said burn container while said lid is closed.
2. (Original) The incinerator as recited in Claim 1, wherein said burn container has a barrel shape.
3. (Previously Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 1, wherein said plunger is a manual plunger.
4. (Previously Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 3, wherein said trap door is normally held closed.
5. (Previously Amended) An incinerator for burning combustible materials comprising:
 - a burn container for holding materials,
 - wherein said burn container is closed except for an exhaust,
 - an air plenum,
 - a pre-fill chamber attachable to a lid on said burn container adjacent a first opening in said lid,
 - a trap door opening, said ~~third~~ trap door opening in said pre-fill chamber such that a plunger can move a platen through said chamber while said lid is closed.

6. (Previously Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 5, wherein the burn container has a cylindrical shape and said lid has trunion stops for removably mounting said pre-filled chamber to said burn container adjacent said first opening in said lid so that said pre-fill chamber covers said first opening.

7. (Previously Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 5, wherein said pre-fill chamber is removable and includes a first door over said ~~third~~ trap door opening wherein said plunger includes a handle outside said pre-fill chamber attached to a rod passing into said pre-fill chamber and wherein said rod is attached to said platen.

8. (Previously Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 7, wherein said lid includes a second weighted door that is closed when said pre-fill chamber is removed from said burn container.

9. (Currently Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 8 7, wherein said first door is normally held closed but is adapted to open when said plunger moves towards it.

10. (Currently Amended) A pre-fill chamber for use in combination with an incinerator, said pre-fill chamber comprising:

a material container,

an opening covered by a door,

a plunger operable to force open said door and to force material contained in said container through said opening,

means to position said pre-fill chamber on a lid of an incinerator such that said opening is aligned in sealing relationship with a second opening on said lid,

means allowing said pre-fill chamber to be filled with a combustible material, wherein said combustible material can pass from said pre-fill chamber through said opening and said second opening.

11. (Currently Amended) A combination pre-fill chamber and incinerator lid, said combination comprising:

a pre-fill chamber mountable adjacent a first opening in said lid,

a plunger operable to move a platen through said pre-fill chamber,

a second opening, said second opening in said pre-fill chamber such that said first and second opening are aligned in sealing relationship when said pre-fill chamber is mounted on said incinerator lid such that combustible material can pass from said pre-fill chamber through said first and second opening,

a side door in said pre-fill chamber, said side door allowing combustible material to be placed in said pre-fill chamber prior to said pre-fill chamber being mounted on said lid,

wherein said pre-fill chamber can be moved from a material loading position to a material unloading position ~~wherein said pre-fill chamber is mounted adjacent said first opening in said lid.~~

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14. (Currently Amended) The combination as recited in Claim ~~43~~ 11, wherein said second opening is covered by a hinged door.

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16. (Currently Amended) The combination as recited in Claim ~~45~~ 11, wherein said lid includes an exhaust for an incinerator and latches to attach said incinerator lid to said incinerator.

17. (Currently Amended) An incinerator for burning combustible material comprising:
a burn container for holding combustible materials,
a first material fill opening near an upper portion of said burn container,
a lid covering said first material fill opening such that said burn container is closed except for an exhaust and a controlled air plenum,
a blower motor controlling a flow of air into said first container through said air plenum,

a second opening, said second opening in said lid,

a closure covering said second opening,

a removable pre-fill chamber adapted to hold combustible material said pre-fill chamber including a plunger,

said closure hinged to open upon placing an end of said pre-fill chamber adjacent to said second opening such that said burn container remains closed upon placing of said end of said pre-fill chamber on said lid, wherein said closure hinged to open when said plunger force opens said end of said pre-fill chamber to force said combustible materials contained in said pre-fill chamber through said second opening.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of incinerating combustible material including the steps of:

- starting a fire within a container,
- closing said container with a lid,
- filling a pre-fill chamber with combustible material,
- aligning ~~at least a portion~~ a first opening of said pre-fill chamber with ~~an~~ a second opening on said lid,
- pushing from said pre-fill chamber said combustible material through said first opening with a plunger and said second opening, and into said fire while said container remains closed.

19. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 18, wherein said step of starting said fire includes a step of supplying air to said fire through a plenum.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 18, wherein said step of aligning includes sealing said ~~portion~~ first opening of said pre-fill chamber against said lid.

21. (Currently Amended) An incinerator for burning combustible material comprising:

- a burn container for holding combustible materials,
- a first material fill opening near an upward portion of said burn container,
- a lid covering said first material fill opening such that said burn container is closed except for an exhaust and a controlled air plenum, a blower motor controlling a flow of air into said first container through said air plenum,
- a second opening near an upward portion of said burn container,
- a closure adapted to covering said second opening,

wherein the closure can close when material is no longer being inserted into the second opening,

a pre-fill chamber, ~~adapted to be filled with material,~~ adapted to be filled with material, mounted adjacent said second opening, said pre-fill chamber including a plunger driven platen movable through said pre-fill chamber.

22. (Previously Amended) The incinerator as recited in Claim 21, wherein the closure having a weighted end.

23. (Original) The incinerator as recited in Claim 21, wherein the closure plate is pivotally attached to an edge disposed adjacent to the second opening defining a pivot point, wherein the closure plate pivots on the pivot point to an open position or a closed position.